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1. A thorough reorganization of the Soviet Pacific Fleet is planned for completion by the end of December 1949. This reorganization includes provision for a strong "Polar" (Arctic) Fleet. Completion of the first phase of the planned reorganization and naval construction is intended to ready the Soviet Pacific Fleet for defensive and small-scale assault operations.

Dalzavod in Vladivostok

2. Dalzavod (Dalne-Vostochny Zavod or "Far Eastern Factory") in Vladivostok is one of the plants included in a Soviet "secret mobilization plan" (identical with the reorganization plan above). Its share of the first phase of the Pacific fleet building program was originally scheduled to be completed on 31 December 1948, but the Workers' Council at Dalzavod has decided to advance the completion date to September 1948. Dalzavod employs a large number of German technicians.
3. Under the above plan, Dalzavod was assigned the construction of thirty-six rocket-launched submarines of the "Nerpa" type. Two of the three submarine "divisions" to be built at Dalzavod will comprise submarines of 1,800 gross tons each; the third division will be composed of submarines of 1,500 gross tons each. Construction of the first of these "Nerpa" divisions was to begin on 1 April 1948, with Captain First Grade Muravin in charge of production.
4. Dalzavod was assembling four "Nerpas" per month in February 1948, and it was anticipated that monthly output would reach five in the near future. All basic parts for the "Nerpas" assembled at Dalzavod are shipped from Leningrad.

Komsomolsk and Makhodka

5. Responsibility for construction of "Shchuka" type submarines has been transferred from Makhodka (132-53, 42-50) to the Komsomolsk (137-00, 50-31) Naval Construction Plant. Under the construction plan, production at the Komsomolsk plant will include four divisions (number of submarines per division not stated) of "Shchukas" of 800 to 1,200 tons each. These submarines are to be used for short-range and defensive operations along the Soviet Pacific shores.

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6. The port of Nakhodka will be closed and a new submarine base established there. Fortifications around the port are already under construction. 50X1-HUM

[Note:] railroad and other construction activity in the Nakhodka area.

Khabarovsk

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7. The Khabarovsk Naval Construction Plant had for its 1948 program the construction of a large number of motor-driven assault barges and mine layers.

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